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FOR HUMMEL AND ALDRICH FROM SULLIVAN

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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS WITH PHILS

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1. DURING COURSE OF CORREGIDOR CEREMONIES MAY 6, I GAVE
PRESIDENT MARCOS CURSORY SUMMARY OF OUR PROPOSALS TO HANDLE
TARIFF MATTERS WITH PHILIPPINES ON BASIS WHICH WOULD ASSURE
LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FOR OUR PRESIDENT TO MAKE APPROPRIATE
CONCESSIONS.

2. PRESIDENT CONVENED PHILIPPINE CABINET COMMITTEE MAY 7
TO DISCUSS SUBJECT AND HAS SCHEDULED SESSION WITH ME AT
9 A.M. MAY 9. I EXPECT GIVE HIM FURTHER DETAILS OF MY
WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS AT THAT TIME AND PRESS HIM FOR EARLY
ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION ACCORDING TWELVE MONTH MORATORIUM ON
QUESTION OF LAND TITLES.

3. WHILE I WILL TRY TO LIMIT PHILIPPINE TARIFF INTEREST TO
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THREE PRODUCTS MENTIONED REF B (COCONUT OIL, MAHOGANY/VENEERS,

AND ABACA), I THINK YOU SHOULD ASSUME THAT TOBACCO SCRAPS WILL ALSO BE AN ITEM OF INTEREST. YOU WILL RECALL THAT THIS ITEM WAS INCLUDED IN OUR WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS.

4. IN MEANTIME, I MET AFTERNOON MAY 8 WITH SELECT GROUP FROM AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHO ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY RESTIVE ABOUT LACK OF FIRM ACTION ON LAND TITLE QUESTION. MOST OF THEM ADVISE THAT JUNE 1 IS LATEST DATE THEY CAN RETAIN AMBIGUOUS STATUS THEIR LAND HOLDINGS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE BY NIACT CABLE CURRENT PROGRESS YOU ARE MAKING IN CLEARANCE VARIOUS PAPERS WE DISCUSSED. I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN STEPS BEING TAKEN TO FORM CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP.
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